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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF MEAT: YEREVAN AND TBILISI

1. EMBOFF AND WIFE VISITED POKSHUKA (YEREVAN'S CENTRAL CLOSED MARKET) AT 2:30 P.M., NOVEMBER 22. THERE WAS NO RPT NO MEAT AVAILABLE EXCEPT FOR A SMALL AMOUNT OF MUTTON (WHICH LOOKED TO BE FROM ONE SHEEP) PRICED AT 4 RUBLES PER KILO. THEY RETURNED TO SAME MARKET AT 10:30 A.M., NOVEMBER 24. THERE WAS A LIMITED SUPPLY OF BEEF AT 4 RUBLES PER KILO (JUDGING FROM THE HEADS DISPLAYED, TWO COWS' WORTH). A LIMITED SUPPLY OF PORK WAS AVAILABLE AT 1.90 RUBLES PER KILO AND A LIMITED SUPPLY OF MUTTON AT 1.90 AND 1.50 RUBLES PER KILO. THERE WAS NO CHICKEN AVAILABLE.

2. IN TBILISI, EMBOFF AND WIFE VISITED CENTRAL MARKET AT 10:30 A.M. NOVEMBER 26. THERE WAS A LIMITED QUANTITY OF BEEF (AGAIN ABOUT TWO COWS' WORTH) AT 4 RUBLES PER KILO. THE SUPPLY OF PORK SEEMED TO BE ADEQUATE AT 1.90 RUBLES PER KILO. MUTTON WAS PRICED AT 1.90 AND 1.50 RUBLES PER KILO, ACCORDING TO CUT AND SEEMED TO BE IN ADEQUATE SUPPLY. A LIMITED SUPPLY OF CHICKEN WAS AVAILABLE. EXTREMELY SMALL CHICKENS WERE PRICED AT 4 RUBLES AND MEDIUM SIZED CHICKENS SOLD FOR 7 RUBLES. ABOUT TWO DOZEN PIGLETS WERE ALSO ON DISPLAY BUT EMBOFF AND WIFE DID NOT SUCCEED

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